upon the tastes of the Europeans who visit the Malabar Hotel.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : I would suggest that some liquor may be supplied free.

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*: I do not think that the Department can distribute this liquor free.

A Personal Statement by the Hon'ble Minister.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Sir, before proceeding to the next item of business I would request the permission of the House and the President to make a personal statement. Towards the end of the proceedings yesterday I unfortunately lost my temper and made certain expressions which on further consideration I felt I should not have made thereby causing unnecessary pain, especially to my friend, Mr. Viswambharan. Once a word is out it is impossible to retake it. Once the wound is inflicted, it is impossible to rectify the mistake. But I am anxious to remove the sting and irritation, as far as it is in my power, and I propose to do two things for the purpose. One is to tender an unqualified regret for inadvertently using, in a moment of uncontrolled temper, the words expressed by me. The second thing is, I request you, Sir, to use your authority to direct that speech to be expunged completely from the Proceedings of the Council. I further owe my apology to this House, and I must willingly tender that apology. At the same time I would ask the House to consider the situation that existed. The House is well aware that I have been on my legs for nearly two and a half days answering questions, and some times those qualities which we inherit with our birth remain with us, and it is only with superhuman effort that we keep them under control. The moment you remove the control, those qualities assert themselves. Though Providence with the same clay moulded us all, yet two faces are not alike, even much more so, two temperaments are not alike. Once a mistake is committed, the only course and the next best course is to admit the mistake and retract it, with an expression of apology. I am sure the House will accept this expression of my regret.

It has been pointed out to me that you, Sir, were placed in a very embarrasing position. I may say that nothing was further from my mind than to place the Chair in any such condition, and if I did so, it was done inadvertently. I fully appreciate your impartiality and fairness, and it gives me very much pleasure to co-operate with you in discharging your onerous duties.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ : സർ, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രിയുടെ ഇന്നത്തെ എക്സ്പ്ലനേഷൻ ഞങ്ങളുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തിൽ വളരെ ആവശ്യമാണെന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്കു തോന്നീട്ടില്ല. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സ്വഭാവം ഇനിമേൽ ഇങ്ങിനെയുണ്ടാകയില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്കു സങ്കടമാണുള്ളതു്. ഡോക്ടറെ ഞ

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ങ്ങൾ സാധാരണ അറിയുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളടത്തോളം അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്നു് ഈ സ്വഭാവം ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഞങ്ങൾ എങ്ങിനെയാണു കഴിച്ചു കൂട്ടുന്നതു്? അതുകൊണ്ടു് അദ്ദേഹം ഇന്നലെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതിനെ കുറിച്ചു ഞങ്ങൾക്കു യാതൊരു സങ്കടവുമില്ല, ഉണ്ടാകുവാൻ ഞങ്ങൾ കുറച്ചു ഉത്സാഹിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും, അതുകഴിഞ്ഞതോടുകൂടിത്തന്നെ ഞങ്ങളെല്ലാം അതു മറന്നുപോയിട്ടുമുണ്ടു്. ഞങ്ങളും വല്ലതും ചില അവസരങ്ങളിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതും ഈ പറഞ്ഞപോലെ ആദർശത്തോടുകൂടി പറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ലെന്നു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി ആലോചിക്കണം. എന്നാൽ ഒരു കാര്യം ഞാൻ പറയുന്നു. കുറെ ആളുകൾ വളരെ ക്ഷമയോടുകൂടി പറയുന്നവരായിരിക്കും; ചിലർക്കു പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞതിന്നശേഷമായിരിക്കും ആ ക്ഷമവരുന്നതു് (ചിരി). അതു നിയന്ത്രിപ്പാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല. ചിലർ മുൻകൂട്ടൽ ഉള്ളവരായിരിക്കും, മറെ ചിലർ പിൻകൂട്ടലുമുള്ളവരുമായിരിക്കും. അതുപോലെ ഈ ഭാഗത്തും കുറെ ആളുകളുണ്ടു്. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ളവർ ഈ ഭാഗത്തു നിന്നും വല്ലതും ഉള്ളിൽ തട്ടത്തക്കവണ്ണം പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു തോന്നുന്നപക്ഷം, ഞാൻ എന്റെകക്ഷിക്കു വേണ്ടി മാപ്പപേക്ഷിക്കുകയും ക്ഷമിക്കണമെന്നുപേക്ഷിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

Mr. Deputy President: Yesterday towards the end of the discussion on Panchayat Demand I allowed the Hon'ble Minister to make a personal explanation. When he availed himself of that opportunity, unfortunately it so happened that he transgressed the limits of personal explanation. It is but proper that today, in a noble spirit, he has, realising that he had transgressed proper limits, expressed his unconditional regret. I hope that the House is satisfied with the expression of regret, and that the unpleasantness arising out of yesterday's happenings will be forgotten. I also hope that there will not be any repetition in future of such happenings arising out of uncontrolled temper, and that the hon'ble members will all co-operate with the Chair for maintaining the dignity of this House. As far as the request of the Hon'ble Minister that his speech may be expunged is concerned, I believe the House will agree to that course. If the House is agreeable to that course, I will direct that the speech in question may be expunged. I find the House is agreeable, and it is directed that the speech may be expunged.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 300 from 'Assignment of Sirkar lands outside the State' to 'Service labels'.

2. Rs. 25 from 'Assessment of Sirkar lands outside the State' to 'Postage'.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Mr. President, Sir, I may be allowed to move the two allotments together. They are really inter-related. I rise to move for a transfer of Rs. 300 and another sum of Rs. 25 from "assessment of Sirkar lands outside the State" to "service labels" and "postage". The amounts are to be

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